M. VENKATAKRISHNAYYA, LAKSHMIPURAM,

Dated 11. 3. 1929.

To

Col. Sir Sri Krishnarajendra Wodeyar Bahadur. G.C.S.I. G.B.E.,
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Mysore.

May it Please Your Highness,

There are some politicians who think that "Divide and Rule" Policy will succeed. They are thoroughly mistaken. Many of the old Emperors, Kings and statesmen tried the experiment and failed. Most of them ended their lives most miserably. It is truth, justice and fairplay that will triumph in the end. There is a Mahomedan proverb which says that there is a peculiar value that is inseparably associated with the statements of good sovereigns and Rulers. I have strong faith in this statement.

Simulation and dissimulation and perfidy carry their own punishment with them. Honesty straightforwardness and devotion to truth, justice and fairplay carry their own reward with them. There is no superiority in the world except the superiority based upon truth, justice and fairplay. Your Highness' motto. Your Highness

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May it please Your Highness,

I beg to inform Your Highness that I am now without work. I have been working for the last 60 years or so, not less than 16 hours a day. I have come to realise that worklessness becomes a devil's workshop. We must give good work to all; otherwise they will create bad work for themselves. I have now turned my attention to write the history of Mysore, the biographies of great rulers, great statesmen and great reformers. I shall be much obliged to Your Highness if Your Highness permits me to use the Palace library for this purpose. I shall submit my books to Your Highness before publishing them. With utmost respect and esteem,

I beg to remain,

Your most Highness' most loyal and obedient servant,

M. Venkatakrishnayya

can never be happy unless that happiness has for its ~~happiness~~ foundation the peace, the contentment and the prosperity of the people: All these are within the range of practical politics. In order to attain purushartha (పురుషార్థం) we must banish communal bitterness. In every community there are devils as well as gods. It is our duty to convert devils into gods. By simply willing Your Highness can convert human devils into gods. Approbation and disapprobation can be made into powerful weapons in this matter. If Your Highness expresses displeasure whenever anything wrong is committed by anybody from the Dewan to the Jawan, Your Highness' rule is bound to become a divine rule. May God enable Your Highness to become the architect of a holy and divine rule in the State.

With utmost respect and Esteem,
I beg to remain,
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M Venkata Krishnaji